Singapore – Supporting SMEs During the COVID Pandemic

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SMEs in the Singapore Economy



Source: Singapore Department of Statistics (2018)

SME Support Facilities: Subsidized Loans

Temporary Bridging Loan Programme

- Loan up to S\$5mn; govn't risk share 90%
- 5-year repayment and interest rate capped at 5%

SME Working Capital

- Loan up to S\$1mn; govn't risk share upped to 90%
- 5-year repayment; interest rate subject to risk assessment

SME Trade Loans

- Loan up to S\$10mn; govn't risk share upped to 90%
- 1-year repayment; interest rate subject to risk assessment

SME loan deferrals and insurance assistance

Deferred loan payments

-SMEs may opt to defer principal payments on their secured term loans up to December 31, 2020.

Insurance Assistance

-Corporates, including SMEs, holding general insurance policies that protect their business and property risks may apply to their insurer for instalment payment plans

FinTech Sector Support

MAS Financial Sector Development Fund S\$125mn

Supporting workforce training and manpower costs

Strengthening digitalization and operational resilience

Enhancing FinTech firms' access to digital platforms and tools